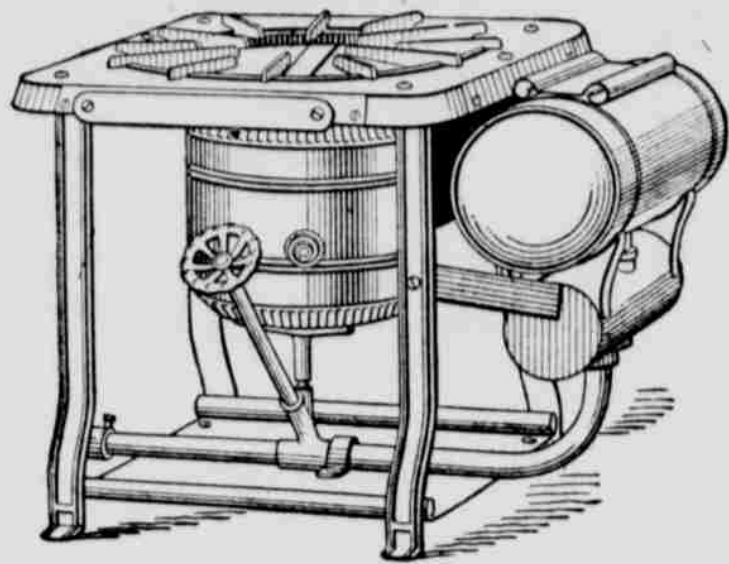


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THE WORK OF A TORNADO

Sweeps Over Portions of Kansas
and Oklahoma, Leaving Death
and Ruin Behind.

SEVERAL PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

The Storm Covered About Fifty Miles
in Length, and Its Pathway Is
Strewed with Wreckage—One Town
Entirely Destroyed—Wheat Fields
in Kansas Ruined.

Perry, Okla., June 10.—In a furious
tornado which swept over portions of
Kansas and Oklahoma several persons
were killed. Information from the
devastated district is meager. Rushing
down from the Kansas state line and
covering about 50 miles in width, the
rain, wind and hail swept over the
country to the southern boundary of
Oklahoma. The rain fell in torrents
from early Friday evening until mid-
night. The fury of the storm cen-
tered in a tornado at about 6:30 p. m.,
which formed at a point near the
Kansas state line and just on the coun-
try lines of Kay and Grant, Okla. It
took a southeasterly course and was
most disastrous on a belt of ten miles
square in eastern Kay county. The
little town of Eddy was struck and of
the 12 or 13 buildings in the place all
were leveled to the ground except the
railroad station and elevator. Flying
lumber was scattered for miles. One
unknown man was killed and several
persons injured by flying debris.

Country Laid Waste.
The country in the track of the storm
between this point and Tonkawa, a
distance of about eight miles, was laid
waste. Five farmhouses with barns
and outbuildings were blown away, but
the occupants all escaped without in-
jury.

At Tonkawa 30 dwellings and busi-
ness houses were scattered like so
much loose lumber. The citizens of
the town had been watching the ad-
vance of the storm and had sought
shelter in caves and cellars. No fa-
talities are reported at this point.

At Blackwell, a few miles north of
Tonkawa, F. H. Crawford, a carpenter,
who was working on a house, was
struck by lightning during the storm
and instantly killed.

Wheat Fields Devastated.
Wichita, Kan., June 10.—A cor-
respondent who has arrived here from
the scene of devastation in Kay coun-
ty, Oklahoma, says that the storm of
Friday night ruined the wheat crop
of 400 farms west and northwest of
Blackwell. These farms are all in
one body of territory. The farmers,
who had purchased twine and har-
vest machinery, are asking the local
dealers to take them back, and the
dealers have referred the matter to
the factories. The loss of crops will
cause no distress, as the farmers are
in good condition financially, owing
to a succession of good crops during
the past five seasons.

Give the Bees Water.
Bees, says the Englishman, Albert
Gale, like considerable water. Give
them plenty. It saves time for them
by preventing them going off to the
creeks. A vessel with bits of cork
or other floating material thrown in
and placed in easy access to the bees
is a very useful thing in an apiary.
A tin containing brackish water is
also useful. Bees, he says, are very
fond of salt, as will be seen by the
eager way they search the ground
where the liquor from corned beef
has been thrown out, the margins of
brackish streams, etc.

PRACTICAL HEN NOTES.

When other feeds fail to bring eggs
add meat or cut bone.
Depriving a hen of grit material
is like pulling a cow's teeth.

The Strenuous Life.

Skaags—I have been wondering how
Methuselah, who lived so many years,
managed to kill time.

Briggs—I don't know either, al-
though I'm guessing he just sat around
and let time take its choice about com-
ing around to kill him.—Denver News.

CUNNING PACK MULE.

He Was an Old Fellow and an Adept
at the Questionable Art of
Shirking His Duty.

"A pack mule that has seen service
gets very cunning," said an old soldier.
"We had one old fellow that had been
in the army for 12 or 13 years, and he
knew as much as most of the men. He
was occasionally used as a leader, and
was very fond of the job, because in
that position he had no load to carry.
To see him maneuvering to get to the
front was very comical.

"The regulation pack weighs 200
pounds, and the mules soon learn to
'size it up' to a nicety, refusing to carry
anything more. For that reason they
are blindfolded while being loaded, else
they would be continually looking
around to see whether the pack was in-
side the limit.

"On one occasion we received a cof-
fin to be sent to Siboney, and the old
mule referred to was selected to carry
it. The coffin weighed only 25 pounds,
but he must have concluded from its
size that it weighed a ton, and he im-
mediately began to groan in the most pit-
iful manner, exactly like a human be-
ing.

"When the coffin was put on his back
he pretended to stagger, and sagged
down as if he were carrying a ten-inch
gun. At the same time he turned his
head and looked at me with a mournful
expression that was as easily read as a
much print. 'Good heavens!' he seemed
to say, 'are you going to allow me to be
crushed by this enormous burden?'

"We were all shrieking with laughter
and tried to make him take his place in
line, but not an inch would he budge.
At last he deliberately rolled over and
knocked the coffin off. That settled it.
We let the old rascal take the bell, and
I could almost hear him chuckling as it
was looped around his neck.

"Another mule was then blindfolded
and took on the coffin without much
trouble."

Cats on Ocean Steamers.

Every large ocean liner carries from
six to ten cats, these being ap-
portioned to various parts of the ship,
as well as appearing on the vessel's
books for rations. Particular em-
ployees are detailed to feed these cats
daily, and when in port one man at-
tends to them. There is promotion
for pussy on board ship. Ordinarily,
unsociable cats are kept in the hold,
in the steerage, in the forecastle, but
a cat that is amiable and clever is
given the run of the first or second-
class saloons. When at sea the cats
attend to the mice and rats, but
after all can do little more than scare
them out of the parts of the ship fre-
quented by passengers. In port the
ship is visited by a professional rat
catcher, who frequently captures 500
of these pests. The cats always ac-
company the rat catcher, and pick up
the stragglers.

The Babe in the Woods.

A four-year-old girl wandered away
from home near the Bonanza mine,
Oregon, recently, and was lost in the
mountain 48 hours. When recovered
she was quite unharmed. She told
of having seen a big black dog with
two puppies, which she tried to
catch, "but they ran away after their
mamma." The "dog" was a bear, and
the "puppies" were her cubs.

Mr. Chapman's advice to farmers
who are thinking of engaging more
extensively in poultry keeping, is to be-
gin with the small flock they have,
keep account of them for one year,
and see if they can make them pay a
profit. The average hen in New York
lays only about 60 eggs in a year. By
keeping thoroughbreds of the best
laying breeds, then by breeding only
from the best layers, you can get hens
that will lay 200 eggs in a year. "Be
sure that your eggs are fresh, and
clean, then try to sell direct to the con-
sumer. In my experience, I have
found the white leghorns the most
profitable breed."

Mr. Chapman also gave some points
in growing turkeys on the farm. He
said that if you would feed them all
the grain they would eat, they would
not eat the grain, or other crops grow-

ing on the farm, but will only eat the
insects. Keep turkeys in this way, and
they will not trouble your neighbors,
and they will be a source of consid-
erable revenue.—W. H. Jenkins, in Ohio
Farmer.

Blown to Atoms.
Binghamton, N. Y., June 10.—A col-
lision of freight trains at Vestal, near
here, exploded dynamite in one of
the cars and killed five men and blew
both trains to atoms.

Justice Brewer Married.
Burlington, Vt., June 6.—Associate
Justice Brewer, of the United States
supreme court, and Miss Emma Minor
Mott were married Wednesday after-
noon.

Fire Losses.
New York, June 6.—The fire losses
of the United States and Canada for
the month of May were \$22,380,150,
against \$15,739,400 in May last year.

The Color Line Drawn.
Bowling Green, Ky., June 7.—The
Kentucky Federation of Women's
Clubs voted to exclude colored wom-
en's clubs from membership.

Triple Shooting.
Corbin, Ky., June 11.—To prevent ar-
rest Andy Cox killed Deputy Sheriff
Brannan and Chief of Police Wilder
and was himself shot dead.

Why He Was Unhappy.
Enpeck—Doctor, I wish you would
call at the house this morning and
have a talk with my wife. I'm afraid
she is losing her mind.
Doctor—What reasons have you for
believing such is the case?
Enpeck—Well, our baby is just a
week old, you know, and when I asked
her last night what she intended to call
it she said: "Oh, I shall leave that en-
tirely to you."—Chicago Daily News.

Evening Things Up.
"It's just shameful the way you
tease me!" she cried. "You never
used to do it."
"No," he replied, "but it is wisely
provided that most things shall be
evened up in this world. Before mar-
riage it is a woman's privilege to tor-
ment a man, and she does it; after
marriage it is a man's privilege to
tease his wife, and he does that."—
Chicago Post.

Properly Estimated.
He said: "I am a man of few words."
And in that same breath he turned.
He was really a man of few words—
That were fearfully overworked.
—Judge.

READY TO PROVE IT.

"You advertise that the elephant
can talk, but I haven't heard him say
a word!"
"O, but he can talk! For instance,
if he treads on anyone's foot he says
plainly: 'Excuse me!' Trombo, tread
on the gentleman's foot!"—Fliegende
Blätter.

Sow Some Beardless Barley.

I have sown the beardless barley
for several seasons. With me it pays
better than oats, because it yields as
many bushels to the acre, or more, if
sown on good ground; besides, it
weighs more to the bushel. It makes
a splendid dairy feed ground with
equal parts of corn and oats, also for
fattening hogs. It is considered an
excellent feed for laying hens. In the
winter, when eggs are bringing 25
cents a dozen or more, I like to go
every week to market with a good-
sized basket. But it does not pay to
sow spring beardless barley on poor
soil, because it grows and ripens in
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CENSUS FIGURES.

Thirty-Eight American Cities Have
Each a Population of 100,-
000 or More.

Washington, June 10.—The census
office has issued a bulletin giving the
population of incorporated places in
the country. The bulletin shows that
there are 10,692 such places, as com-
pared with 7,578 in 1890, and 38 cities
containing more than 100,000 people
each. Of the large cities in 1900,
three, New York, Chicago and Phila-
delphia, contain upward of a million
inhabitants, the same as in 1890, while
for cities having between 500,000 and
1,000,000 inhabitants, those in 1900
number three, as against only one in
1890.

The incorporated places contain in
the aggregate 35,849,516 inhabitants,
as compared with a total of 26,079,828
persons living in incorporated places
in 1890. The combined population in
the incorporated towns and cities
constitute 47 per cent. of the popula-
tion of the entire country, as against
41 per cent. in the towns in 1890. In
the state of New York, which takes
the lead in this respect, 77 per cent.
of the people live in the cities and
towns, as against 69 per cent. in 1890.
In six other states—namely, Massa-
chusetts, Illinois, Rhode Island, Penn-
sylvania, Colorado and Connecticut—
more than two-thirds of the people
live in the incorporated places. Mis-
sissippi has the smallest percentage
of its people living in the towns, the
percentage being 15.

BANKS ARE THRIVING.

Comptroller's Reports for the Year
Show an Unusual Increase in De-
positories and Deposits.

Washington, June 10.—All the re-
ports called for by the comptroller
of the currency dealing with the con-
dition of national banks at the close
of business April 24 are in, and the
showing is held by treasury officials
to be a remarkable one, far in excess
of anything of the kind in history.
There is a total of 4,064 banks; at the
close of business April 26, 1900, there
were 3,531. Total resources are \$5,-
630,794,367; in 1900, \$4,811,956,048. Total
individual deposits \$2,893,665,449; in
1900 they were \$2,449,212,656. Loans
and discounts are \$2,911,526,276; in
1900, \$2,566,034,990. Surplus funds and
undivided profits amount to \$416,017,-
134; in 1900 they were \$383,757,200.
Lawful money in reserve, including the
five per centum redemption fund with
treasurer, is \$565,669,294; last year it
was \$516,190,886. The average reserve
held is 29.1 per cent.

ONLY ONE REMAINS.

Two of Three Desperate Prisoners
Die Before Being Sentenced for
Their Deeds of Crime.

Toronto, Ont., June 8.—Of the three
men, Fred Lee Rice, Thomas Jones and
Frank Rutledge, extradited from Chi-
cago to stand trial for the robbery of a
bank in Aurora, Ont., Rice is the only
living survivor of the trio to serve out
the 21 years' imprisonment to which he
was sentenced Friday morning. Two
tragedies have put Jones and Rutledge
beyond reach of the law. Jones died
from bullet wounds received in a des-
perate attempt to escape from the of-
ficers who were transferring the pris-
oners from the courthouse to the jail
last Tuesday, and Rutledge committed
suicide Friday by jumping from the
gallery in the jail to the stone court, 30
feet below.

BALL AND BAT.

Tables Showing Percentages of the
Clubs of Leading Organi-
zations Up to Date.

The following tables show the num-
ber of games won and lost and the
percentages of the clubs of the lead-
ing baseball organizations. National
league:

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
New York	19	12	.609
Pittsburgh	22	17	.565
Cincinnati	20	16	.556
Brooklyn	19	18	.513
St. Louis	19	19	.500
Philadelphia	19	19	.500
Boston	14	18	.438
Chicago	15	26	.366
American league:			
Chicago	27	13	.675
Detroit	25	16	.609
Washington	16	14	.532
Boston	17	16	.515
Baltimore	16	16	.500
Philadelphia	17	20	.459
Milwaukee	14	24	.366
Cleveland	12	24	.333

TWO WAR INVENTIONS.

Projectile Loaded with Maxinite and
a Lightning Speed Torpedo to
Be Tested.

Two wonderful war inventions that
will increase the effectiveness of the
United States navy and our coast de-
fenses are to be tested at Sandy Hook.
One is a projectile filled with the new
explosive called maxinite, invented by
Hudson Maxim. It will cost \$25,000 a
shot to fire it, but one shell would de-
stroy a \$5,000,000 battleship if it
struck it. The other invention is a
lightning speed torpedo that will
travel by its own propulsion at the
rate of 45 miles an hour, thrice the
velocity of any torpedo now in use. A
steel target is being constructed of
such size and weight of armor plate
that the result of discharges against it
will be very much like those that would
ensue if the target were a real battle-
ship.

Cultured Boston Conductors.
Boston newspapers say that the
conductors on their local traffic lines
are the most cultured ticket collectors
to be found anywhere. They as-
sert that many of them speak several
languages and carry college diplomas
in their inside pockets.

Fertile eggs early in the season fol-
low plenty of exercise.
On sunny days nothing like a dust
bath to make hens happy.

CHILDREN IN SPAIN.

They Are Set Out in the Street in
Queer Looking Baskets to Take
Care of Themselves.

In the Spanish city of Seville there
are no kindergartens or other places
where the busy mother can leave her
little children to be cared for while she
does the housework or helps her hus-
band in his little shop. The baby is left
to care for itself and does so very well
—that is, the baby who has not learned
to walk yet.

It is placed in a wicker-woven ar-
rangement which looks like a basket
turned upside down, and is just high



TAKING CARE OF HIMSELF.

enough so the baby's feet will touch
the ground. He is then set out in the
street to take care of himself. He
cannot turn over, so he at least remains
in an upright position. The basket
is very light, so he often works his way
up the street and far away from home.
He will get into the middle of the street,
so that the donkeys who take the
places of horses and wagons there
must go around him. This they always
do, and it looks queer to see a long line
of donkeys going out of their way to go
around a baby in the narrow streets of
the old Spanish town.

He Had Just Stepped Out.
The boys who run elevators in ho-
tels and great office buildings come
into contact with all manner and con-
ditions of men, and even if naturally
dull they soon become bright. The
better a judge of human nature, the
better the employe is the rule. Here
is an instance of tact that could hard-
ly be surpassed. A lady came bust-
ling along to an elevator just as it
was going up, and said, with charm-
ing innocence: "I want to see a man
whose name I do not know, and I do
not know, either, what office he is em-
ployed in." A less experienced eleva-
tor boy might have laughed outright
at this speech, but this one never
cracked a smile. "I am well acquaint-
ed with the gentleman you refer to,"
was his instant reply, "and he has
just gone out." The lady thanked
him, and walked away seemingly very
well satisfied with the information
she had received.

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